

as Director of the Youth Development Program which began the first publicly elected youth council in the country. He has served as Director of the College Opportunity and Educational Development program in Harlem and was the first Black Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at New York University. He is also the author of *The Student Athlete Handbook*, which was published in 1993.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Williams has dedicated the majority of his adult life to serving his community. For four years he served as special assistant to the Bronx Borough President where he was responsible for all educational matters, including community school districts, institutions of higher education, libraries and cultural institutions.

Those who take the time to improve the lives of youth are special people. I am proud to say that our nation is a better place because of people like Mr. Robert Williams.

I thank Mr. Williams for 34 years of service to the youth of our community and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing him as a model American.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON GEORGE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to stand before this body to pay tribute to a great individual who, even at a very young age, understood the price of freedom. His story is one of honor, selflessness, and sacrifice, and I am honored to tell it to this Congress today.

In 1946, while just 15 years old, Don George had an exciting future ahead of him. Although just a high school freshman, he was already a starter on his high school basketball team. His country was finally at peace, having just defeated the Germans in Europe and the Japanese in Asia to close out World War II. Although he was too young to fight in the war, Don was old enough to understand how much his countrymen had sacrificed to help keep America free. So, he went off in the service of his country, pretending to be older than he was in order to meet the military's age requirements.

After his return from the service, Don came home and married the love of his life, Helen, to whom he has been married for 53 years. Don forged a career in the oil refinery business before retiring to pursue the things he and Helen love, such as country line dancing, bowling, and playing cards. Don is blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Don sacrificed his diploma in order to serve his nation. However, a new law in Colorado enables veterans to receive their high school diplomas, and now Don, who is 72-years-old, will walk across the stage with his graduating class, the class of 2003 at Fruita Monument High School in Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievement of Don's upcoming commencement. The drive and dedication that Don has displayed in pursuing this diploma is extremely impressive, and his determination, along with his sacrifice to his country, is an outstanding example for America's youth. Don is truly a

dedicated patriot and citizen, and I am honored to recognize his accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO THE BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend congratulations to the Baraboo Public Library in Baraboo, Wisconsin for 100 years of service to the community. Constructed in 1903, this library has been an integral part of democratic society in Baraboo.

A public library serves as the cornerstone of democracy. A library fosters intellectual freedom and makes available to all citizens an extensive information network. In a local setting, citizens have access to global resources of information. The educational importance of a public library is immensely important in improving the community by providing access to higher learning. A library is a requirement for a cultivated democratic society.

A public library allows citizens to perform their civic duties placed upon them in our noble democratic Nation. It not only provides free worldwide access to information, but also is a place where residents can obtain information about their community, and where internet access, tax forms and voter registration forms are provided. The role of the public library is essential in supporting a democratic state. The Baraboo Public Library has gone beyond its civic duty in providing these services for the public.

Baraboo Public Library's vast success in the past 100 years has led it to develop a distinguished reputation within its community. It is evident that the library's dedication towards free information and democracy will allow the city of Baraboo to continue to foster higher education and diversity in society. I join Baraboo residents in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Baraboo Public Library.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, Unfortunately, I missed the votes in the House of Representatives on June 16, 2003. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

H.R. 2254, the Bruce Woodbury Post Office Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

H. Con. Res. 220, Commending Medgar Wiley Evers and his widow, Myrlie Evers-Williams, for their lives and accomplishments. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

S. 703, the Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building Designation Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KRISTOPHER ENTZ

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I honor the life and memory of an outstanding young man from my district. Kristopher Entz, a 17-year-old student from Center, Colorado passed away recently. As his family and friends mourn their loss, I would like to pay tribute to the memory of Kristopher before this body of Congress and this nation.

Kristopher was a well-rounded, perpetually happy, all-American teenager, liked and admired by all. His sense of humor and penchant for pranks made him one of the most popular students at Sangre de Cristo High School. He was an outstanding student, as evidenced by his membership in the National Honor Society and his participation in Knowledge Bowl, an extra-curricular academic competition. Kristopher excelled in athletics as well, and was a terrific football player who also liked snowboarding, golf, and lifting weights.

Kristopher is survived by his parents Mike and Rhonda, his older sister Brynna, and a loving extended family, and my thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time. Kristopher's good-natured spirit will live on in the many lives he has touched in the San Luis Valley. His love, laughter, and dedication to his family, friends, school, and community will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING PAUL SABLAN DUENAS ON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY CLASS OF 2003

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas on his graduation from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science on May 23, 2003 and for his commissioning as Ensign in the United States Navy. Paul now joins his brother John, who also graduated from the Naval Academy, as a Naval Officer.

As a young man growing up on Guam, Paul demonstrated tremendous success as a student and leader at every academic level. He attended Cathedral Grade School in Hagatna, Guam and St. Francis School in Yona, Guam before enrolling at Father Duenas Memorial School, where he completed his secondary education. During high school career, Paul excelled in academics and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, he further developed his leadership talents by serving as Cadet Commanding Officer for the Father Duenas Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (NJROTC) during his senior year. Upon graduating from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1999, Paul accepted an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Today I join friends and family of Ensign Paul Sablan Duenas in congratulating him on